

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hideyasu MATSUMURA et al. **Confirmation No.: 6325**  
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Serial No. : 10/541,391  
Examiner: Winkler, Melissa A  
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For : EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEAR  
LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN,  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED  
BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner of Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 13, 2007. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on October 15, 2007 (October 13/14, 2007 being a Saturday/Sunday), this paper is submitted with a Request for Extension of Time for one month including the appropriate extension of time fee. However, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee which is necessary to preserve the pendency of the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.